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BY SHEETS

A BILL FOR

1 An Act prohibiting certain actions regarding fetal body parts
2 and providing penalties.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 146B.1 Fetal body parts — actions
2 prohibited — penalties.

3 1. A person shall not knowingly acquire, provide,
4 receive, or use a fetal body part, regardless of whether
5 the acquisition, provision, receipt, or use is for valuable
6 consideration.

7 2. Subsection 1 shall not apply to any of the following:

8 a. Diagnostic or remedial tests, procedures, or observations
9 which have the sole purpose of determining the life or health
10 of the fetus in order to provide that information to the
11 pregnant woman or to preserve the life or health of the fetus
12 or pregnant woman.

13 *b.* The arranging, by a physician who induces or performs
14 an abortion, for the final disposition of fetal body parts
15 resulting from the abortion.

16 c. The actions of a person that are exclusively in the
17 furtherance of the final disposition of a fetal body part.

18 3. A person who violates this section is guilty of a class
19 "C" felony.

20 4. For the purposes of this section:

21 *a.* “*Abortion*” means as defined in section 146.1.

22 b. "*Fetal body part*" means a cell, tissue, organ, or other
23 part of a fetus that is terminated by an abortion.

24 c. "*Final disposition*" means the disposition of fetal
25 body parts by burial, interment, entombment, cremation, or
26 incineration.

27 EXPLANATION

28 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
29 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

30 This bill prohibits a person from knowingly acquiring,
31 providing, receiving, or using a fetal body part, regardless
32 of whether the acquisition, provision, receipt, or use is
33 for valuable consideration. However, the prohibition does
34 not apply to diagnostic or remedial tests, procedures, or
35 observations which have the sole purpose of determining

1 the life or health of the fetus in order to provide that
2 information to the pregnant woman or to preserve the life or
3 health of the fetus or pregnant woman; to the arranging by a
4 physician, who induces or performs an abortion, for the final
5 disposition of fetal body parts resulting from the abortion; or
6 the actions of a person that are exclusively in the furtherance
7 of the final disposition of a fetal body part.

8 A person who violates the bill is guilty of a class "C"
9 felony. A class "C" felony is punishable by confinement for no
10 more than 10 years and a fine of at least \$1,000 but not more
11 than \$10,000.